



## Cape May County Prosecutor's Office

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# NEWS

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Cape May Court House, New Jersey – January 5<sup>th</sup> marks the one year anniversary of the suspicious disappearance of Middle Township resident Samuel Schmucker. Cape May County Prosecutor Robert L. Taylor and Middle Township Police Chief Christopher Leusner are seeking the public's assistance in obtaining information on the circumstances surrounding the disappearance. Samuel Schmucker, age 25, is described as a white male, 5' 8", 150 pounds, brown hair, last seen wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans, which were covered by a camouflage jumpsuit.

Schmucker was reported missing by friends on January 6, 2011. He was last seen at approximately 11pm on January 5, 2011 when he was reported to be involved in an argument with his friend/roommate on Bayshore Road in the vicinity of the Green Creek Fire Department. At the time, Mr. Schmucker was the passenger of a vehicle that his roommate was operating. During an argument, Mr. Schmucker allegedly got out of the vehicle and walked toward Route 47 on Bayshore Road.

A large-scale search was conducted utilizing helicopters, boats and personnel on the ground with ATVs and K-9 Units throughout Middle and Lower Township. Attempts to contact Mr. Schmucker have been unsuccessful and information gained from family and friends have not provided any information on Mr. Schmucker's whereabouts.

The Cape May County Prosecutor's Office Major Crime Unit and the Middle Township Police Department continue to investigate the circumstances surrounding Samuel

Schmucker's disappearance. Mr. Schmucker's DNA has been entered into the data base located at the University Of North Texas Health Science Center as part of the President's DNA initiative program. The circumstances' surrounding Mr. Schmucker's disappearance has also been added to the National Missing and Unidentified System (NAMUS) as well as the Violent Criminal Apprehension Program (VICAP) as a missing person.

Prosecutor Taylor urges anyone with information relating to his disappearance to contact the Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Unit at (609) 465-1135, the Middle Township Police Department (609) 465-8700, or Cape May County Crime Stoppers (609) 465-2800.

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